



New commander Spotlight

Name: Col Barry Kistler

Unit: 341st Support Group commander

College: Tarkio College, bachelor's; University of South Dakota, master's; and Naval War College, master's

Last assignment: 50th Operations Group, Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.

Leadership philosophy: Lead from the front by doing and being involved, caring and listening to the members of Team Malmstrom.

Goals for organizaton: Continue the award-winning ways already established. Taking the group to be the best in the Air Force.

AFSPC picks missile detection site

SBIRS backup makes base key player in future satellite warning system

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – Schriever is now a key player in a future satellite system that will warn America of any worldwide missile launches.

Air Force Space Command officials announced June 28 that Schriever will be home to the Space Based Infrared System Mission Control Station Backup, or SBIRS MCSB.

This selection comes on the heels of a thorough review of several candidate sites. AFSPC conducted the initial study identifying candidate sites in 1997. Schriever officials selected due to its existing security and support infrastructure plus its key association with the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and the Air Force Satellite Control Network.

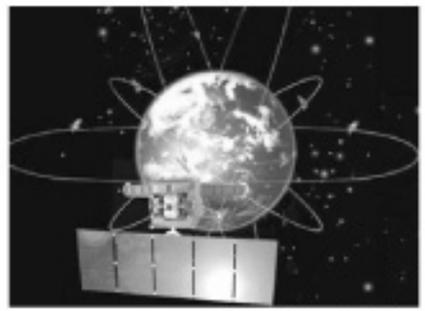
"We have complementary space capabilities at Schriever so it makes sense that Schriever would take on these new space missions," said Col Larry

James, 50th Space Wing commander.

The Schriever facility will provide peacetime back-up mission support to the primary SBIRS Mission Control Station at Buckley Air Force Base, Colo. It will report key information such as missile launches against the United States and its allies. The command is required to maintain continuous missile warning support to the North American Aerospace Defense Command, the National Command Authorities and other forward users throughout the spectrum of conflict from peacetime to war.

In peacetime, SBIRS consolidates missile warning operations in a single control and reporting station at Buckley. Since there's always potential for natural disasters or terrorist acts in peacetime, a geographically separate backup is necessary to reliably meet this continuous reporting requirement.

With approval from Congress, construction of a 52,000 square-foot building is slated to begin in March 2002. The SBIRS MCSB is expected to reach initial operational capability in fiscal year 2005. Military construction costs are estimated at \$18.5 million, with communications and processing equipment costs estimated at \$52 million.



Art by Lockheed Martin
Artist's concept of the SBIRS High satellite system.



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